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Public can pay respects to fallen soldier

**MEMORIAL** Several books of condolence are set up at Calgary Transit stations around the city in memory of a Calgary soldier killed in Afghanistan earlier this week, according to the CTV Calgary website.



PVT. Chad Horn

The local television news station reported that Anita Horn, mother of deceased Private

Chad Horn, is a long time Calgary Transit bus driver and colleagues are offering messages of support in the books that are located at three Calgary Transit stations – Transit headquarters at 32 Ave NE, Victoria Park Garage and Anderson Garage.

Horn, along with two other Canadian soldiers, were killed when ambushed while on a routine patrol. **METRO CALGARY**

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Are critics relevant nowadays?

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McCain pans partisanship

# U of C phenom ready to hit books and field

## 15-year-old awarded highest freshman academic honour

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**She can't get into a bar, drive a car by herself, vote or join the army.**

At a time when most girls her age are entering Grade 10, Carolina Romeo has snapped up the University of Calgary's most prestigious scholarship and a spot on the Dino's varsity field hockey squad.

"It'll be tough, I'm sure, to balance everything, but I think I'll be able to handle it," said Romeo, 15, the university's youngest student athlete in history and only the second Canadian Interuniversity Sport to ever take to the competitive field at 15.

Romeo, who jumped from Grade 7 to 9 and has

only been playing field hockey for a year and a half, was awarded the Chancellors Club scholarship, the highest academic honour any first year student can obtain, worth up to \$40,000.

"We're really delighted," said Chancellor Joanne Cuthbertson, noting Romeo, now a freshman engineering student, will be facing a slightly lighter course-load to help her much-accelerated transition.

"I know she's going to try and be very dedicated and if she can't fit everything in, she'll let us know," said her coach Jenn Swagar, who was dazzled by Romeo's athletic ability more than a

year ago. "At some point she'll have to ask for help and we'll be there for her."

Romeo, a defensive mid-fielder who was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina when she was eight and graduated from Centennial High School at the top of her class two years early, said extensive

ringette experience enabled her to pick up field hockey at a rapid pace.

She said her athleticism and calm manner under pressure should help the Dino's make the nationals this season.



ROBIN KUNISKI/FOR METRO CALGARY

The University of Calgary's Carolina Romeo is only 15-years-old, but the student athlete will not only attend classes at the institute this year, but also compete on the women's field hockey team.

# City cops net international hacker ring

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City cops have charged four people in connection with a sophisticated hacking ring accused of defrauding a Calgary-based business of \$1.8 million.

The nine-month integrated investigation between Calgary and Vancouver, Montreal and the United

**"The ongoing investigation tells us there may be other victims and based on the sophistication of the group, they are experienced."**

Staff Sgt. Gordon Bull, CPS commercial crime section

States Secret Service resulted in charges against the suspects from Montreal after they allegedly filtered the money by compromising the company's electronic database.

"They were able to repli-

cate a pre-paid debit-type card, something you would buy someone and put money on for a small fee," said Staff Sgt. Gordon Bull of the CPS commercial crime section.

Bull said the group was

then able to withdraw cash from bank machines, most of which occurred in the Montreal area.

"It is a significant amount. The ongoing investigation tells us there may be other victims and based on the so-

phistication of the group they are experienced."

Bull commended the communication and cooperation between the different policing jurisdictions for the arrest.

Ehud Tenenbaum, Priscilla Mastrangelo, Jean Francois Ralph and Spyros Xenoulis all of Montréal were flown to Calgary and charged with numerous fraud and theft offences.



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# LRT runs through history

Homeowner says city can't put price on past

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**There's not a proper price tag to be put on the spot where they were married nine years ago, as Wade Wensink and Sharon Webster attest.**

The couple, celebrating their anniversary Thursday, said one must be arrived at, though, even if it's through an extensive expropriation process, as they're one of seven residences along the West LRT leg in the midst of negotiations with the city likely headed for arbitration.

"They're offering us fair market value, but I'd hardly call it fair," said Webster, overlooking their sprawling back yard. "This is our little inner-city oasis, you can't replace this."

Wensink thinks the West LRT is an appropriate measure in a city that's been growing as swiftly as Calgary, even if they've been affected and unaffected by the west-bound plan nu-

merous times over the past three years.

"It has been an extremely frustrating process," said Wensink. "All they have to do is make me an offer I can't refuse but they're stuck on their assessment numbers."

Wensink and the city are a ways apart in their ongoing negotiations, based on a 2008 assessment value of \$813,500 for their 15,421-square-foot property at 1116 Surrey St. SW.

**"This is our little inner-city oasis, you can't replace this."**

Sharon Webster

West LRT land appropriations project lead Sarah Quayle said an intention of expropriation will be filed by Sept. 29, a process expected to last at least 10 months and has been accounted for in the planning of the project, meaning it won't put things behind.

"We're going to continue to negotiation right to the end," said Quayle. "And this is just a normal part of the process we go through with all acquisitions."

The city has settled with 20 residential property owners thus far.

## Charity Dropping in for Easter Seals



Lyla Amery bravely suspends herself from the side of the Sun Life Building over downtown Calgary yesterday as a part of the Easter Seals Canada 4th annual Drop Zone to help raise \$1 million across the country. Organizers expected to raise \$150,000 at yesterday's event.

## World Skills Calgary competition to draw talent from 50 countries

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**ONE YEAR AWAY** Set to take the stage as the second largest event ever in the city is the WorldSkills Calgary 2009 competition.

Just a year away from competition, 1,000 competitors and 5,000 delegates from 50 countries across the world will descend upon Calgary for the not-for-profit Olympic style 40th annual event.

"To host an event of the scale is a tremendous honour for the city and a terrific opportunity for Calgarians to see supremely talented individuals from around the world,"

WorldSkills Calgary Guy Mallabone said.

The best skilled technology and trades professionals between the ages of 17 and 23 face-off against each other in 48 various events at Stampede Park next year.

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### Skills and trades

- Events in which competitors from 50 countries will compete range from robotics to culinary arts.

should be proud to host this world-class event. This is the 'big show' when it comes to exhibiting global talent in technology and skilled trades," president and CEO Richard Walker added.

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## Multi-faith walk across the nation hits Calgary

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**SUPPORT** Uniting in the fight against violence from Halifax to Victoria, a group of cross-country walkers made their way through the city yesterday.

Calgary founder of Muslims Against Terrorism and leader of the group walk Syed Soharwardy has made the cross-country trek of 5,000 kilometres to get to this point.

"Everyone is honking their horns and waving. It is amazing when people of different faiths can unite in the fight against violence," he told Metro while walking through the city yesterday.

Although he still has one more province to go, Soharwardy said he was excited for the day he can sleep in his own bed again.

"It's been absolutely tremendous to be able to show people why we are doing this and have their support."

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What's online today.

**Watch** as volunteers repel down the side of Sun Life Plaza to raise funds for Easter Seals, and reports on the reaction to the death of Calgary native Chad Horn in Afghanistan and on a this weekend's spate of charity walks

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## Immigrants picking Calgary for economic reasons

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**REPORT** Calgary is emerging as one of the favourite destinations of immigrants in Canada to call home, according to a recent report.

Regina and Saskatoon are also popular choices for migrants while Toronto is losing its lustre for newcomers, All Headline News reported.

Marco Garcias, 31 moved to the city earlier this year and was lured here by what he calls a hot economy, but stayed for the surroundings.

"I love the city, it's very nice. Calgary has a lot of green areas and I like that. I want to bring my family here," he told Metro.

Toronto is still the top destination for migrants, but its share of the newcomers slipped from 50 per cent in 2001 to only 33 per cent in 2007.

The report says the economic progress in western Canada is one of the main reasons immigrants choose west.

The average median income for an immigrant family in Calgary in 2005 reached \$102,188, according to the report.



Mount Royal student Tami Rothery, left, and Guy West, President of Alberta Beverage Container Recycling Corporation (ABCRC), show off the new recycling containers that will be around the Mount Royal campus this year.

## MRC recycling growing

Shows the difference one person can make, student says

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**Leading the city in going green, Mount Royal College is making recycling more convenient than ever as students head back to school this week.**

Spearheaded by fourth-year bachelor of applied

policies studies student Tami Rothery, the Mount Royal Sustainability Committee (MRSC) partnered up with the Alberta Beverage Container Recycling Corporation (ABCRC).

"I think for me the most important thing from this is showing that one person can make a difference, and it's true — they can," Rothery said.

Specialized recycling bins for indoor and outdoor have been placed around the campus and vice-president academic for the college Robin Fisher hopes other schools follow suit.

"This is a perfect example of thinking globally and acting locally," he said.

"Recycling and sustain-

ability has always been important to Mount Royal especially as we continue to grow."

The ABCRC donated 55 durable outdoor bins and 50 indoor bins to the school.

President of the ABCRC Guy West said they hope to work with other post-secondary schools in the province.

## United Way kicks off fall campaign

**CHARITY** Foam hands sporadically bobbed, red clappers smacked and more than 1,200 people paraded from the 600 block of 3 Avenue SW yesterday to Eau Claire, kicking off United Way's fall campaign.

"We need high energy, we need to engage people," said United Way Calgary president and CEO Ruth Ramsden-Wood. "There are some thunder clouds on the horizon economically, it's a time of a little bit of uncertainty and we want to make sure people are thinking about each other."

The four-month campaign is expected to bring in \$52 million.

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## Teens sentenced in cat killing

**LEGAL** Two teens were spared jail time after admitting to breaking into a Camrose home and putting a cat into a microwave until it died.

The 16-year-olds were sentenced to one-year of probation, 100 hours of community service and were also banned from owning pets for two years.

Each of the teens faced charges of break, enter and theft, mischief and causing unnecessary pain, suffering and injury to an animal.

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Long Plain First Nation, a reserve west of Winnipeg where few students finish high school, is promising to pay students \$50 a month for attending class and \$1,000 for graduating. During the program's trial run, 50 students finished the entire year, compared to the usual 30. **METRO CANADA**

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Lucy Kuptana speaking about how her town, Inuvik, is converting a old hockey arena into a greenhouse.



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## Drugs can't cure cancer: Studies

**If cancer can be beaten, it's unlikely that new drugs will be the champions.**

That's the suggestion found in three, paradigm-shifting studies that show the disease is simply too genetically complex for any magic-bullet medicine to defeat, researchers say.

The studies, released yesterday by the world's two top scientific journals, provide the most detailed look yet at the genetic roots of two of the most deadly forms of the disease: pancreatic cancer and glioblastoma multiforme brain tu-

### therapeutics

- 99 per cent of applied cancer research now goes to developing new therapeutics the studies said.

mours.

The emerging map of these cancers suggest that the consuming search for drugs to cure cancer may well prove fruitless for most forms of the disease and that early diagnosis prevention and therapeutics should be the main focus of research into the ail-

ment.

"It is, I think, apparent from studies like ours that it is going to be even more difficult perhaps than previously expected to derive real cures from such (drug) therapies," said Dr. Bert Vogelstein, an author on two studies that appeared yesterday in the *Journal Science*.

He would not say it would be impossible for new drugs to find cures, he did say redirecting research funds into early detection would be more sensible. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**



NDP Leader Jack Layton was in Toronto yesterday hosting a pre-election town hall meeting with party candidates from the area. Layton laid out his message on issues ranging from affordable medication to smog on the eve of the federal election expected to be called Sunday.

## Tories near majority: Poll

**ELECTION** Conservatives have opened up a big lead in public support and could conceivably win a majority in an election set to be called this Sunday, a new poll said yesterday.

The Environics survey for the CBC, put the Conservatives on 38 per cent voter support, well ahead of the opposition Liberals on 28 per cent.

The NDP grabbed 19 per cent and the Greens came in with seven per cent.

Environics said Canadians felt Harper and NDP leader Jack Layton would

### seat breakdown

- The Conservatives hold 127 seats
- The Liberals hold 95 seats
- The Bloc Quebecois hold 40 seats
- The NDP hold 30 seats
- The Greens have one seat
- Independents hold four seats
- There are three vacancies

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**TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

## Dion blasts agriculture minister

**LISTERIOSIS** The Liberal Party called on Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz to resign yesterday over comments he made about meat inspection in the wake of a food-poisoning outbreak linked to 19 deaths.

Liberal leader Stéphane Dion said a leaked cabinet document shows the Conservatives went ahead with a plan earlier this year to shift food-safety control programs to industry, giving federal meat inspectors only an oversight role.

But Ritz has maintained that the document was only a discussion paper and said the plan had not been implemented — comments that Dion dismissed. **REUTERS**

### News in brief

**ELECTION** Fisheries Minister Loyola Hearn and Human Resources Minister Monte Solberg joined Foreign Minister David Emerson in his departure from the election when they said they will not be running again for the Tories. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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**Canadian regulator approves Repsol's natural gas plan**

Spanish oil firm Repsol YPF will be allowed to import liquefied natural gas into New Brunswick's Canaport terminal for shipment to the U.S. northeast, the National Energy Board said yesterday. **REUTERS**

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# Abortion protest law upheld

## Protesters still banned outside B.C. abortion clinics

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Metro Canada



**A law banning protesters outside abortion clinics was upheld by the B.C. Court of Appeal yesterday after two pro-life advocates argued the law violated their freedom of expression.**

Joyce Arthur, with the Pro-Choice Action Network in Vancouver, said the pro-life community is "relieved" by the ruling.

"Women are vulnerable to the emotional and physical trauma of being confronted by protesters (outside abortion clinics)," she said.



Jill Doctoroff, director of the Elizabeth Bagshaw Women's Clinic, speaks at the SFU Harbour Centre in Vancouver.

"(The ruling) protects women and staff while (letting) protesters publicize their message across the street."

Cheryl Davies, vice-president of the B.C. Women's Ambulatory Programs, said it upholds the rights of women to be treated in a

"courteous and dignified manner."

This case dates all the way back to 2000, when two anti-abortion activists were convicted under the Access to Abortion Services Act.

The act established a buffer zone around abortion clinics, preventing protesters from intimidating or blocking women and staff.

Donald Spratt and Gordon Watson were arrested for picketing outside the Everywoman's Health Centre in Vancouver.

They appealed the case in 2004, arguing that the act violated their freedom of expression.

## Police raid on Alberta reserve fails to turn up escapees

**PRISON** Police were still searching yesterday for four dangerous convicts who escaped from a Saskatchewan prison, despite swooping down on an Alberta reserve after a tip they were there.

On Wednesday, Edmonton police, Mounties and

the Air-1 helicopter circled the Frog Lake First Nation community, about 240 km east of Edmonton. Search efforts were in vain, leaving RCMP still seeking Daniel Richard Wolfe, 32, Ryan John Agecutay, 25, Preston Clarence Buffalocalf, 22,

and 19-year-old Cody Dillon Keenatch, after their escape from Regina Provincial Correctional Centre on Aug. 25.

Two other inmates who escaped from the prison were captured last week.

"We're considering them armed and dangerous.

They're all serious offenders, and there's a serious threat to the community, which is why we're taking it very seriously that they're re-apprehended as soon as possible," said RCMP Sgt. Carole Raymond.

VICTORIA HANDSIDES/METRO EDMONTON

### News in brief

**FIRE** An 73-year-old man died after fire broke out at an east-end seniors' residence yesterday morning in Ottawa.

**HANNA** Nova Scotians are being warned to brace themselves for Tropical Storm

Hanna this weekend. Environment Canada expects Hanna to unleash winds of 83 km/h when it hits on Sunday. Heavy rainfalls are also expected. Officials issued a release yesterday urging people to stock an emergency kit in their home.

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2.4 million cases of cancer caused by tobacco use in five-year span  
Tobacco caused 2.4 million cases of cancer in the U.S. from 1999 to 2004, researchers said yesterday. Lung and bronchial cancer made up nearly half, but larynx, mouth, stomach, pancreas, kidney, bladder, and cervix cancers were also linked, as well as leukemia. **REUTERS**

# World



## Readying for takeoff

NASA hauled the space shuttle Atlantis to its sea-side launch pad Thursday, hoping a trio of tropical storms churning over the Atlantic Ocean will steer clear of the Kennedy Space Centre in Florida. The shuttle is being prepared for an early October launch to the Hubble Space Telescope. **REUTERS**

## 'Change is coming', McCain says

Candidate pledges to work with both parties in acceptance speech

Republican John McCain promised yesterday that "change is coming" to Washington if he is elected president on Nov. 4 and he pledged to overcome partisan rancor by working with Democrats.

McCain accepted his party's presidential nomination in a packed hall, insisting he can pull off the kind of change that Democratic candidate Barack Obama talks about at a time when Americans are hungry for new leadership.

"Let me offer an advance warning to the old, big spending, do-nothing, me-first, country-second Washington crowd: change is coming" said McCain, a U.S. senator since 1986.

The 72-year-old Arizona senator, who bears the scars of 5 1/2 years as a Vietnam prisoner of war, began a two-month push



Republican presidential nominee John McCain and vice-presidential nominee Sarah Palin gesture onstage after McCain's speech at the Republican National Convention yesterday.

to the White House, entering the push to Election Day as the underdog with most polls showing Demo-

crat Barack Obama ahead by a few percentage points.

McCain, portrayed as no different than unpopular

President Bush by Obama and the Democrats, tried to reclaim his image as a Republican maverick.

### Hard act to follow

• More than 37 million U.S. TV viewers tuned in to Sarah Palin's nomination acceptance speech Wednesday, just shy of the record set by Barack Obama's address to the Democratic convention last week.

"I don't work for a party. I don't work for a special interest. I don't work for myself. I work for you," he said.

A handful of protesters tried to disrupt the proceedings, but were shouted down by the crowd with chants of "USA". Security escorted two women out.

"Please don't be diverted by the ground noise and the static," McCain said. "Americans want us to stop yelling at each other."

**REUTERS**

## Taliban ambush trophy photos shock France

**AFGHANISTAN** A French magazine published photos yesterday of Taliban fighters with uniforms, helmets, guns, and walkie-talkies taken from 10 French soldiers killed in an Aug. 18 ambush in Afghanistan, spurring another round of debate about France's presence there.

Defence Minister Herve Morin said the magazine, Paris Match, had done the Taliban a favour in the propaganda war.

"Should we be doing the Taliban's promotion for them?" he said.

Journalist Eric de Lavarene, who worked on the article, defended himself against accusations that he was manipulated by his subjects, adding such charges never came when the magazine was embedded with NATO troops. **REUTERS**

## U.S. mounts Pakistan strike

**RAID** U.S. commandos attacked an al-Qaeda target in Pakistan this week in an operation that could signal more intense American efforts to thwart militants in Afghanistan, U.S. officials said yesterday.

The Bush administration has not officially acknowledged any involvement in the Wednesday attack on the village of Angor Adda that killed up to 20 people, including women and children, Pakistani officials say.

Pentagon officials speaking anonymously said the raid targeted suspected operatives and aimed to dis-

rupt militant safe havens, where activities like recruitment and training are gaining momentum.

The havens, where al-Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden is believed to be hiding, are said to represent a leading security threat to the United States and Europe.

The raid spawned a furious response from the Pakistan government, which has publicly opposed action by U.S. troops on its soil. Foreign Minister Shah Meemod Qureshi said it was a shameful violation of the rules of engagement. **REUTERS**

### News in brief

**ARGENTINA** Furious rail commuters in Argentina set fire to a train yesterday in anger over delays during the morning rush hour. Black smoke and flames engulfed a train at Merlo station, located in the western suburbs of Buenos Aires. At nearby Castelar, passengers hurled stones at the ticket office and blocked the rails.

**HAITI** Survivors of Tropical Storm Hanna crowded shelters in the port city of Gonaives yesterday. Torrential rains submerged Gonaives under 2 metres of water. At least 136 people died in the floods and mudslides triggered by the storm. **REUTERS**

## New York Virgin voyage



Virgin founder and chairman Richard Branson and his daughter Holly sail on the boat Virgin Money, as it goes out for a sea trial in New York harbor near the Statue of Liberty yesterday.

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**Sea levels expected to rise**

Worldwide sea levels may rise by about 2.6 to 6.6 feet by 2100 thanks to global warming, but dire predictions of larger increases seem unrealistic, U.S. scientists said yesterday. **REUTERS**

# Gene may help combat AIDS

**The AIDS virus is especially hard to fight because few people develop antibodies to neutralize it, but U.S. researchers said yesterday they have found an immunity gene that may offer a new way to fight back.**

They said the gene Apobec3 helps mice develop antibodies against an HIV-like virus, and they

think the same gene in humans could lead to a potent vaccine against the human immunodeficiency virus or HIV.

"This gene is central to HIV biology," Dr. Warner Greene of the Gladstone Institutes at the University of California, San Francisco, said in a telephone interview.

So far, efforts to make a

vaccine against HIV have failed.

In humans, HIV devotes one of its 9 genes to disabling Apobec3 proteins, which may help explain why people with HIV rarely make antibodies against the virus, he said.

HIV is a retrovirus, which means it copies bits of its own genetic code into the DNA of the host.

"If we could prevent HIV from destroying this key pivotal host factor, we might allow HIV-infected patients to develop neutralizing antibodies like they do in mice," he said.

"It's a translation from mice to men. That's the challenge now," said Greene, whose study appears in the journal Science.

**REUTERS**

## 41 dead in Sri Lankan combat

Fierce combat across Sri Lanka's north killed at least 41 people when separatist Tamil Tiger insurgents fought back against an unceasing army push into their strongholds, the mili-

tary said on Wednesday.

The Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam rebels told the pro-rebel web site www.tamilnet.com that they had killed 12 soldiers.

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### News in brief

**KOREA** Four regional powers plan to meet in Beijing in the next few days to discuss how to halt North Korea's steps towards restarting its ageing nuclear plant that makes arms-grade plutonium, officials said

**TRADE** U.S. trade officials declined yesterday to comment on a report that the U.S. was preparing a World Trade Organization case against China's export restrictions on raw materials.

**REUTERS**

## 'Eco' club looks to lure green dancers

**ENVIRONMENT** A club where dancers generate power to light the floor, drinks come in recyclable cups and toilets flush with rain water opened in the Netherlands yesterday, hoping to lure environmentally-conscious clubbers.

Rotterdam's WATT, which is designed to save about 30 per cent on energy and carbon emissions and 50 per cent on water and waste compared to other nightclubs, has included sustainable elements into everything

from its architecture to its cafe menus.

"We want to show that sustainability can be integrated into lifestyles, and integrating it into something fun shows that sustainability can be fun," said Michel Smit of Sustainable DanceClub (SDC) consultants, who helped develop the concept.

The club follows another "eco" club in London that billed themselves as sustainable to attract an increasingly green-conscious public.

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## Nepal Taking a holy bath



Hindu women perform rituals before taking a holy bath at Bagmati River in Kathmandu, Nepal, to celebrate the Teej festival yesterday.

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Business

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In brief

**REPORT** Bombardier Inc. reported a stronger fiscal second quarter yesterday, as demand for its aircraft grew and its backlog rose to a record.

**INTERNET** New York cable TV operator Cablevision Systems Corp. has introduced a free Wi-Fi network for subscribers to access the Web via laptops.

**TAKEOVER** Borealis, an investment unit of one of Canada's largest pension plans, said yesterday it would offer more than \$2 billion for Teranet Income

Fund to tap the cash flow of its land-registry business. Borealis Infrastructure Management Inc. plans to offer \$11 a unit in the hostile bid. **REUTERS**

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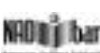
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**National food price wars are over: Analyst**  
**REPORT** Despite advertising meant to convince consumers otherwise, food prices are taking a bigger bite out of consumers' wallets as higher prices for some foods more than offset the savings on others, Perry Caicco, a research analyst at CIBC World Markets, wrote in a note to clients this week.  
"The national (food) price wars are over," Caicco declared in a 21-page report on the state of the food industry and, in particular market leader, Loblaw Cos. Ltd.  
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**"This does not mean the industry will be less price competitive."**  
Perry Caicco  
But such campaigns are now more targeted, involve fewer items, and are less harmful to retailer's profit margins, Caicco noted.  
Both major retailers named in the report, Loblaw and Wal-Mart Canada Corp., said later they continue to invest in prices and look for ways to pass on savings to customers.

  
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Sports

Quinn to coach juniors

Former NHL head coach Pat Quinn, left, was named head coach of Canada's national junior team yesterday for the upcoming world junior championship in Ottawa. The tournament kicks off on Boxing Day as Canada takes on the Czech Republic.

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Sports in brief

MLB Travis Snider finished 3-for-3 with a home run and Jesse Litsch hurled nine scoreless innings as the Toronto Blue Jays routed the Minnesota Twins 9-0 last night to complete a three-game sweep.

NHL Minnesota Wild defenseman Brent Burns underwent successful surgery yesterday to remove loose bodies from his left elbow. Burns, 23, is expected to return to action in about four weeks.

NHL The St. Louis Blues signed defenseman Alex Pietrangolo, club president John Davidson announced yesterday. Per club policy, terms of the deal were not disclosed. Pietrangolo was the fourth-overall pick in the 2008 draft.

NFL Former Minnesota Viking quarterback Daunte Culpepper announced his retirement from the NFL yesterday, after nine seasons.

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Spidey pales next to Ocho

Stunt by Argos' Bruce doesn't cut it next to sport's greatest showboaters

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Too bad Arland Bruce III couldn't come up with something a tad more entertaining the other night.

Slipping on a Spider-Man mask to celebrate a touchdown for the Toronto Argonauts just didn't cut it. I mean, I don't want to come off like Simon Cowell or one of those television-show judges, but Bruce's performance lacked creativity,

imagination and was well below acceptable showboating standards.

Heck, top showboaters don't even use props any more. Nowadays, they change their name legally, or crush opponents in Olympic sprint competition without even trying.

Read more about Bruce and my thoughts on the shortage of good CFL hot-dogging this season in my latest CFL Report at metronews.ca, but let's just say no CFLer can hold a candle to the likes of NFL receiver Chad Johnson or sprinter Usain Bolt.

Never mind Johnson changing his name legally to Chad Ocho Cinco. This guy once mailed Pepto Bismol to his opponents before a game. He raced a horse. He declared he could outrace Michael Phelps in the swimming pool.

And Bolt? Well, besides his bizarre gyrations before and after his races, he practically moonwalks during them.

All of which explains why Johnson, er, Ocho Cinco and Bolt are 1-2 in a cool Fox list of sports' top 10 showboaters.

Bruce didn't make the list, of course, but two women and a Canadian NHL player did.

Tennis player Serena Williams is sixth, behind the NBA's Gilbert Arenas, NFL receiver Terrell Owens and NFL quarterback Brett Favre.


Ranked 10th on the list, behind pitcher Carlos Zambrano, is NHLer Sean Avery of Pickering, Ont.


Avery, Fox writes, enjoys aggravating foes and drawing attention to himself. He did jumping jacks in front of goalie Martin Brodeur in the playoffs and he appeared at his introductory news conference with the Dallas Stars in salmon-coloured shoes and matching checkered shorts and jacket.

Never, though, would Avery or any of the above wear a Spider-Man mask. That was lame. Or, as Cowell might say, hideous.

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Federer, Djokovic into semis

TENNIS Four-time champion Roger Federer weathered a tough battle against Luxembourg qualifier Gilles Muller to book his place in the U.S. Open semifinal with a 7-6, 6-4, 7-6 win yesterday.

The second-seeded Swiss was tested to the full on a sweltering, breezy afternoon in New York by a player ranked 130th in the world before sealing victory in two hours 26 minutes.

Seeking his fifth consecutive U.S. Open title but his first grand slam crown of the year, Federer edged marathon man Muller 7-5 in the third-set tiebreak to win his 32nd consecutive match at Flushing Meadows.

"I'm happy I won, first of all," a relieved Federer told reporters after reaching a record 18th consecutive grand slam semi-final.

Federer's opponent in the last four will be third-seeded Serb Novak Djokovic who slipped past No. 6 Andy Roddick 6-2, 6-3, 3-6, 7-6 (5) last night.

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## Keeping critics caged Pg 14



Let's face it: This time of year is often the dumping ground for lame movies. That's why Bangkok Dangerous, starring Nicolas Cage, and a host of other films aren't giving critics a chance to take a stab at them. But does it even matter?



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**If you're flipping through this newspaper searching for a review of the new movie Bangkok Dangerous, you can stop right here. There will be no review of Nicolas Cage's latest action-thriller today.**

As it happens, studios occasionally decide not to show certain films to critics prior to their respective movie's opening weekend. As editor of the popular website MovieCityNews.com, David Poland has a sense of why this occurs.

"The movies this time of year really, really suck," Poland said in a recent phone interview. "There's no value to having critics' screenings because they know how bad the movies are and so (studios) don't show them."

It's true there's been a noticeable surge of un-

screened films lately.

Last weekend alone saw the release of three movies that were not given press screenings — Babylon A.D., Disaster Movie and College — but the absence of reviews doesn't ensure they'll turn out to be flops either.

There have been considerable unscreened successes like The Day After Tomorrow, The Pink Panther and last year's Halloween.

It would seem that, as entertainment columnist Patrick Goldstein recently wrote, "critics today are viewed as cultural dinosaurs on the verge of extinction."

Part of the reason is the Internet's creation of access to open forums of criticism but studio marketing may play a bigger part. Poland points out most marketing budgets for Hollywood films have inflated up to \$70 million per flick.

"The advertising has kind of taken over everything," says Poland of trailers and



Critics weren't allowed to pre-screen Nicolas Cage's film Bangkok Dangerous before it opened in theatres.

TV ads, now the prime factor in people's film choices. "But the value of critics is still there certainly for art films, anything that's small and needs help."

Eric Lundegaard goes one

further on Slate.com, saying that, despite popular belief, the public does pay attention to reviews. After crunching the numbers, he writes, "critically acclaimed films average about \$2,000

more per screen than critically lambasted films."

Despite all the numbers, the truth is, reviews are so enjoyably subjective that it would be a sad day to see critics and even horrible re-

views go the way of the "cultural dinosaur."

Besides, as novelist Kingsley Amis once said: "If you can't annoy somebody, there's little point in writing."

## Jolie poster under fire for image of gun-toting star

Angelina Jolie might ooze Hollywood glamour, but if she's armed and looking dangerous, the actress is not welcome in Britain.

Britain's media watchdog, the Advertising Standards Authority (ASA), has banned two posters of Jolie promoting the film Wanted after upholding complaints that the images of the gun-toting actress glamorized the use of guns and violence. One poster showed the actress crouching and holding a gun pointing upward while the other showed her lying on her back across a car's hood, brandishing guns.

The ASA said it had re-

ceived 17 complaints from people who thought the ads were irresponsible because they glorify gun crime at a time when there is increasing public concern in Britain about it.

Some also complained that the posters for the high-tech action thriller co-starring James McAvoy and Morgan Freeman were unsuitable to be seen by children.

"We considered, that because the ads featured a glamorous actress, action poses, several images of or related to guns and aspirational text, they could be seen to glamorize the use of guns and violence," the ASA said in an online rul-



Angelina Jolie

ing.

The film's maker, Universal Pictures, defended the posters, saying the style of the advertisements reflected the film's comic-book roots and providing examples of other ads they

believed were more graphic and less stylized than their posters.

Universal Pictures also said that the posters were not placed near schools and appeared in the London Underground system, which does not have a high proportion of children. But the ASA ruling, handed down Wednesday, seemed to come a bit late.

Universal, owned by General Electric Co., said the posters for the film, which was released in Britain and the United States in June, were no longer being displayed, and there were no plans for their future use.

REUTERS

### Quote of the week



"I arrived on set for the sex scene to find Gerry (Gerard) was very unwell indeed. So I wouldn't kiss him. Guy had to improvise. I don't know how he coped with those problems but it ended up being one of the most brilliant scenes. But I did find it challenging having to climax in a close-up to camera."

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## Reel Time

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# 3-D film offers endearing eye candy

## Fly Me to the Moon

**Director:** Ben Stassen  
**Stars:** Christopher Lloyd, Tim Curry, Nicolette Sheridan, Buzz Aldrin  
**Classification:** G  
**Rating:** ●●●●½

BRIAN COULTON  
for Metro Canada



**One small step for man is not exactly a giant leap for the fly world in animated 3-D family film Fly Me to the Moon.**

Young fly Nat and his friends, brainiac IQ and gluttonous Scooter, feel dispirited in adolescence and are in search of an adventure.

Inspired by Nat's Grandpa McFly's stories of flying across the Atlantic atop Amelia Earhart's shoulder, the friends are encouraged by Nat to find their great adventure.

The flies capitalize on American pressure to send the first astronauts to the moon by finding their way onto spaceflight Apollo 11, determined to join Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin as the first Ameri-



Fly Me to the Moon is the first animated film designed and produced specifically for 3-D

can flies to set foot on the moon.

They're not without their barriers, however. Unbeknownst to them, Russian flies have caught wind of their presence on board and will do everything in their power to sabotage the mission.

Fly Me to the Moon is an endearing story with comic protagonists the audience wants to root

for. Visual qualities, including the eye-candied 3-D (the film is the first animated one to be designed and produced for 3-D) are the source of the film's buzz.

The imaginative earthly fly world is well constructed and the '60s are captured in attire and sound throughout.

Aside from the visual, however, jokes are luke-

warm at the best of times, rarely drawing many laughs even from the young audience.

Fly Me to the Moon is very pro-American in its Cold War-era setting, rival Russian flies and all, but becomes a bit much at times such as during a fly flag salute by Nat and co.

While the film presents a bite-sized history lesson for kids, its championed

exaction of NASA mission details dilutes the family fun.

If it weren't for kids in the audience reaching to stroke the popping 3-D images, Fly Me to the Moon would have little enchanting power.

Working from a cliché-filled script and ailing attempts at laughs, three flies are thankfully saved by on-screen sensation.

## Film latest to explore Iraq War

**VENICE** In The Hurt Locker, the latest film about the war in Iraq, a bomb disposal expert takes risks beyond the call of duty as he comes to realize that only one thing makes him feel truly alive — dicing with death.

Director Kathryn Bigelow, in her first feature for six years, explores why, in a time when most armies are full of volunteers rather than draftees, many men choose to fight.

Staff Sergeant William James, played by Jeremy Renner, takes over a bomb disposal team in Baghdad, and the loose cannon quickly ups the already high stakes by going where he does not have to go.

The movie, which premiered at the Venice film festival yesterday, is packed with tension and violence, and paints an essentially sympathetic picture of a group of men stuck in a living hell which affects them in different ways.

Bigelow, who made K-11: The Widowmaker in 2002, said she wanted to try and put the audience into the situations soldiers in Iraq faced every day. **REUTERS**

## Madden's Winnipeg offers a look at his hometown pride

### My Winnipeg

**Director:** Guy Maddin  
**Classification:** 14A  
**Rating:** ●●●●

ADAM NAYMAN  
for Metro Canada



Suggesting nothing so much as a Canadian Heritage Minute distended to feature length and spiced with peyote, Guy Maddin's poetic documentary My Winnipeg is easily the most ambitious film ever made about the capital of Manitoba.

Granted, it's a pretty short list. But I'd go even further and say that My Winnipeg is the greatest statement of civic pride in recent Canadian cinema.

Not that Maddin's feelings about his birthplace are uncomplicated. Like Cowards Bend the Knee, My Winnipeg finds the filmmaker in autobiographical-confessional mode, weaving together personal and municipal legends so that the two seem inextricable.

The film begins with Maddin insisting, via voiceover, that he must literally and figuratively leave the city ASAP, lest he

succumb to its hypnotic undertow. But that's exactly what happens — instead of getting out, he and his onscreen surrogate, played in a state of perpetual slumpage by Darcy Fehr, are pulled back in.

In the hope of exorcising his ghosts, Maddin restages psychologically fraught scenes from his childhood, claiming his family's willing participation even as his mother is clearly being played by '40s noir legend Ann Savage.

These symbolically charged vignettes unfold in between believe-it-or-not stories about Winnipeg's past, from hockey heroes to (frozen) horse heads. While some viewers will undoubtedly rush to their encyclopedias to vet the authenticity of these anecdotes — i.e. did the city fathers really stage a mock Nazi invasion to goose war bond sales? — the fact of their factualness is irrelevant.

Maddin is trying to communicate the outsized, lingering effect that our surroundings have on our psyches. His groggily fantastic Winnipeg could be your Montreal, or somebody else's Moncton.

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## Movie morsels

## Traitor



**REVIEW** The title of the movie is supposed to suggest the job description of the protagonist, played by Don Cheadle, but you don't have to wait for the movie to end before you're thinking that Cheadle's Samir Horn would probably have been better off in a different line of work. Jeffrey Nachmanoff's *Traitor* takes its time setting up precisely what Cheadle's Horn does, and it eventually becomes clear that Horn is a spy working to infiltrate a terrorist network with big plans for another 9/11. The bulk of the movie concerns his attempts to maintain his cover while two eager FBI agents try to track him down.

Rick McGinnis/Metro Canada

## Babylon A.D.



**REVIEW** Set in a dystopian future, *Babylon A.D.* stars Vin Diesel as Toorop, a mercenary who, after sitting down to a nice furry-animal stir-fry, is kidnapped and bribed to escort a young woman (who's either the new Mes-

siah or infected with a deadly virus — we ain't sure) from Russia to America. Partnered with her chaperone (Michelle Yeoh), the trio hitches a ride on an old submarine, elude cultists and even outrun supersonic jets on ski-doo.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

## The House Bunny



**REVIEW** Written by the team behind *Legally Blonde* (who must be legally out of ideas), this dud tells the story of an aging model (Anna Faris) who joins a sorority after she's ejected from the Playboy Mansion. Attempting to be empowering, the film ends up embarrassing with characters so insipid and one-dimensional that to squeeze any depth from this flick would be like searching for theological subtext in a Jonas Brothers song.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

## The Longshot



**REVIEW** Directed by Limp Bizkit frontman Fred Durst (seriously!), this is the true story of a girl (Keke



Ben Stiller's comedy *Tropic Thunder* continues to make noise at box offices in the city.

Palmer) inspired to play football by her uncle (Ice Cube). While Cube is decent enough, the plot moves too quickly and is short on conflict. In the end, that's the film's biggest downfall — sure, it's harmless enough, but *The Longshots'* saccharine intent to inspire is simply overbearing.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

## Star Wars: The Clone Wars



**REVIEW** The *Clone Wars* sticks Anakin Skywalker and company in the middle of an intergalactic war between the clones and the droids. In reality, this movie kicks off a new animated series and highlighting where this film truly belongs — on TV. Sure, it's an interesting

combination of CGI and anime but the story itself is about as compelling as watching somebody play a videogame for 90 minutes.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

## Tropic Thunder



**REVIEW** Ben Stiller leads the all-star cast of Jack Black, Robert Downey Jr. and even Tom Cruise (in a surprising role that's sure

to relieve those who thought he'd all but beamed up to Planet Thetan) in this spoof of Hollywood egos and icons. Stiller plays Tugg Speedman, a fleeting action star leading the cast of a fictional war film being shot in Southeast Asia. After the movie goes over budget, the actors are sent into the jungle to capture "real fear in their eyes." Instead, the gang loses their director, get lost themselves and fall prey to real terrorists.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

## Pineapple Express



**REVIEW** Produced by Judd Apatow and starring Hollywood's favorite court jester Seth Rogen, this film is a *Midnight Run*-type caper about a dope-smoking process server who goes on the lam with his hapless drug dealer (James Franco) after witnessing a murder. Sure, it's a hollow story and the pacing is uneven, but this comedy still works as an impossibly hip comedy about impossibly uncool characters.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

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**Hellboy II: The Golden Army** (14A) Fri-Thu 9:55

**Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull** Fri-Thu 12:45-3:55-7:9:55

**Iron Man** (PG) Fri-Thu 1:05-3:55-7:10-9:50

**Kung Fu Panda** (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:6:50

**Mongol** (14A) Fri-Thu 9:30

**Sex and the City** Fri-Thu 12:40-3:45-8

**Space Chimps** (G) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:15-7:05

**The Wackness** (18A) Fri-Thu 9:10

**Wanted** (18A) Fri-Thu 1:10-3:50-7:05-9:50

**The X-Files: I Want to Believe** (14A) Fri-Thu 1:4-7:15-9:35

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**Babylon A.D.** Fri-Thu 12:30-3:30-7:40-10:10

**Bangkok Dangerous** (18A) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:15-7:30-10

**College** (18A) Fri-Thu 3:35-10:20

**The Dark Knight** Fri-Thu 12-3:25-7:10-15

**Death Race** Fri-Thu 1:10-4:15-7:25-10:05

**Disaster Movie** (14A) Fri-Thu 12:15-6:50

**The House Bunny** (PG) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:20-6:45-9:35

**Mamma Mia!** (PG) Fri-Mon 1-3:45-7:10-9:45 Tue 3:45-7:10-9:45 Wed-Thu 1-3:45-7:10-9:45 Star & Strollers Screening Tue 1

**Pineapple Express** Fri-Thu 7:45-10:30

**The Rocker** (PG) Fri-Thu 9:50

**The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2** (PG) Fri-Thu 3:50-6:40-9:40

**Star Wars: The Clone Wars** (PG) Fri-Thu 12:25-3:10-7:20

**Step Brothers** (14A) Fri-Thu 12:10-3

**Traitor** (14A) Fri-Mon 12:50-4:7:15-9:55 Tue 4-7:15-9:55 Wed-Thu 12:50-4:7:15-9:55 Star & Strollers Screening Tue 1

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**WALL-E** (G) Fri-Thu 12:05

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**Bangkok Dangerous** (18A) Fri 7:05-10:05 Sat-Sun 12:20-3:20-7:05-10:05 Mon-Thu 7:05-10:05

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**Pineapple Express** (18A) Fri 7-10 Sat-Sun 12:3-35-7-10 Mon-Thu 7-10

**Traitor** (14A) Fri 6:45-9:45 Sat-Sun 12:15-3:15-6:45-9:45 Mon-Thu 6:45-9:45

**Vicky Cristina Barcelona** (14A) Fri 6:50-9:50 Sat-Sun 12:30-3:30-6:50-9:50 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:50

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**College** (18A) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 10:10

**The Dark Knight** (PG) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Mon 12:40-4-8 SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Tue-Thu 8

**Death Race** (14A) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Mon 1:20-3:50-7:10-9:50 SR Dolby



Babylon A.D. starring Vin Diesel came in second at the box office last weekend in North America with \$11.5 million.

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**Disaster Movie** (14A) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Mon 1:10-3:40-7:40-10 SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Tue-Thu 7:40-10

**Emma Smith: My Story** (PG) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Mon 1-3:30-6:45-9:15 SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Tue-Thu 6:45-9:15

**Fly Me to the Moon 3-D** (G) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating, Digital Presentation Fri-Mon 12:20-2:40-6:45 SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating, Digital Presentation Tue-Thu 6:45

**Hamlet 2** (14A) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 10:05

**The House Bunny** SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Mon 12:15-2:45-6:50-9:25 SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Tue-Thu 6:50-9:25

**Journey to the Center of the Earth** (PG) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Mon 12:30-2:50-6:35-9:30 SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Tue-Thu 6:35-9:30

**Mamma Mia! Sing-a-Long** (STC) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Mon 12:45-3:20-7:05-9:40 SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Tue-Thu 7:05-9:40

**Mirrors** (18A) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 9:50

**The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor** (PG) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 6:40-9:35

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**Star Wars: The Clone Wars** (PG) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Mon 12:55-3:25 SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Wed 12:55-3:25 SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Thu

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**WALL-E** (G) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Mon 12-2:30-7 SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Tue-Thu 7

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**Get Smart** (PG) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:45-7-9:55

**Hancock** (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-3:55-7:05-10

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**Hijack** (STC) Fri-Thu 2-6:30-9:30

**Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull** (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:35-6:45-9:45

**Kung Fu Panda** (PG) Fri-Thu 1:05-3:50-6:40

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**The Rocker** (PG) Fri-Thu 10

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**My Winnipeg** (14A) Fri 7:10-9 Sat-Sun 2:40-7:10-9 Mon-Tue 7:10-9 Thu 7:10-9

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**Disaster Movie** (14A) Fri-Thu 9:35

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**Step Brothers** (14A) Fri-Thu 6:55-9:30

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## Music



MGMT's debut Oracular Spectacular includes hit Time to Pretend.

## Time to Pretend

BRIAN COULTON  
for Metro Canada

**In today's electronic age, what makes a band? Is it playing shows? Releasing music (vinyl, disc, mp3 or otherwise) to international acclaim? Reaching the top of the Billboard chart? Does it involve opening for hot-ticket bands Beck or Radiohead?**

Brooklyn duo MGMT has done all of this. Still, they're just on the cusp of discerning their draw.

"We're finally almost reluctantly realizing we are a real band now and we're playing these big shows and acting like a band should act," says Andrew VanWyngarden. He, along with Ben Goldwasser, make up the team whose equal parts synth and live instrument music typify modern auditory allure.

VanWyngarden says MGMT's working relationship relies on their complementary temperaments. "Personality-wise, I'm more of the creative, spontaneous fool. He's the mathematical genius."

MGMT has also had to learn to play with riotous crowds, like one at Ireland's Oxegen festival in July. "Irish crowds are always crazy, but this one was super-crazy," says VanWyngarden. "They were climbing up tent poles on the side, so we had to stop the show and let everyone calm down and climb down. That was a good show."

One aspect of the act's eccentricity lies in MGMT's varied use of current electronic trends and more traditional instrumentation on their first major release, Oracular Spectacular, which includes hit Time to Pretend. "We don't consider our album electronic or electronica at all. We're definitely more inspired by rock bands," says VanWyngarden.

Now that MGMT is growing into their melodic skin, the pair is planning an active reinterpretation including inspirations such as The Zombies and the "funkadelic" Isley Brothers. "The next album will go more the way of where live bands are going, with more psychedelic rock, like a garage band."

## SoundCheck

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With Labour Day a memory and just 110 shopping days until Christmas, it's time to look at the fall album release schedule. Here's a sample of what we can expect for the do-or-die fourth quarter.

• **Metallica — Death Magnetic (Sept. 12):** After 15 years working with Canadian producer Bob Rock, Metallica hoped that studio guru Rick Rubin might get them out of a years-long creative funk. He told them the answer was to go back to what made them big in the 80s. Death Magnetic features lots of riffing, machine-gun drums and abrupt tempo and time signature changes. If you were into Master of Puppets-era Tallica, you'll be pleased. And just so they have all the attention to themselves, Metallica will release this album on a Friday instead of the industry-standard Tuesday.

• **Keane — Perfect Symmetry (Oct. 14):** Things looked dicey for Keane



when singer Tom Chaplin had to spend some time in rehab, forcing the band to lose some of the momentum they had built with their first two albums. There's optimism that this new album will put things right. And what's this? An electric guitar on a Keane album?

• **Snow Patrol — A Hundred Million Suns (Oct. 28):** The favourite act of the stars of Grey's Anatomy are ready with a fifth studio album that comes with an interesting marketing twist. It was announced this week that Suns will be used in some kind of interactive application for Apple's iPhone and Touch. Users will be able to access all kinds of bonus content,

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including lyrics and artwork. If this works, expect other bands to follow.

• **Coldplay — Prospects March OR Prospects Song (Dec. 26):** Didn't we just get a Coldplay album? Apparently, there's more where that came from. There's a very strong possibility that we'll see an EP featuring Viva la Vida leftovers, including a Chris Martin/Kyle Minogue duet called "Luna."



Metallica, left, are taking the unusual step of releasing new album Death Magnetic on a Friday, while U2, above, have apparently decided to delay the release of their upcoming album until early 2009.

• **U2 — No Line on the Horizon (Nov.—Er, never mind . . .):** Apparently, there's been a delay. After much speculation that the album would be released on Nov. 14, Bono dropped a bomb Wednesday, saying that nothing will be ready until early 2009 — not even a sniff of the rumoured first single, Sexy Boots. Universal, their record label, can't be happy. This also can't be good news for the stock price of Vivendi, Universal's parent company.

Check my Music Geek blog for more on this fall's new releases.

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**T.I. tops singles chart**

A week after setting a new record with a 70-place leap to No. 1, rapper T.I. logged a second round atop Billboard's Hot 100 singles chart yesterday. His tune, Whatever You Like, sold more than 176,000 downloads.

REUTERS

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# Pumpkins plug in Guitar Hero

American rock group the Smashing Pumpkins will release their new single, G.L.O.W., via the upcoming Guitar Hero: World Tour videogame.

The song will be part of a

downloadable song pack, available at some point after the game's release, which will also include the Pumpkins tracks 1979 and The Everlasting Gaze. The Pumpkins song Today is in-

cluded in the initial soundtrack. In addition, users will be able to play Guitar Hero as the likeness of frontman Billy Corgan.

In November, the Pumpkins will play 20th-anniver-

sary shows at big venues in New York, Chicago, Los Angeles and additional cities to be announced. Another run of dates focusing on the band's debut, Gish, are on tap for early 2009. **REUTERS**

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John Patrick Amedori, left, has been cast as Aaron Rose, a potential love interest for Serena van der Woodsen (Blake Lively) on Gossip Girl, reports tvguide.com. In the novels, Rose is an artist with a penchant for philanthropy. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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# Spears to open VMAs

Pop princess returns to MTV awards show, minus the performance



David Letterman.

## Letterman feels remorse for McCain jokes

**TELEVISION** David Letterman is feeling a bit remorseful about poking fun at the advanced age of Republican presidential contender John McCain, telling Rolling Stone magazine that his McCain jokes are "not entirely fair."

Along with his late-night TV rivals, the 61-year-old comedian has had little difficulty dredging up old-fogey jokes about the Arizona senator, who turned 72 last week and would be the oldest man ever elected U.S. president.

"John McCain looks like the kinda guy who brags that his new denture adhesive allows him to eat corn on the cob," Letterman once said on his CBS talk show.

On another occasion, he said McCain "looks like the guy who has to be told to close his robe."

The CBS Late Show host said in a Rolling Stone cover story that McCain's age makes him an obvious target. **REUTERS**

**Britney Spears is to star at this year's MTV Video Music Awards, a year after a calamitous comeback performance at the same award ceremony. But this time the pop singer won't be performing.**

Spears will be opening the 25th annual edition of the

MTV VMAs on Sunday at Paramount Studios in Hollywood, according to MTV's website.

That means she will be on hand if she wins an award. Spears has garnered three nominations for the clip to her single Piece of Me — Best Female

Video, Best Pop Video and Video of the Year.

"MTV has long played an important role in my career," Spears said in a statement. "How can I not be there to kick off their 25th VMAs? I'm excited to open the entire show, to say hi to my fans and to be nominated."

Exactly how she planned to open the show remained unclear. In previous appearances she has kissed Madonna and performed with a writhing snake.

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Britney Spears

Spears has yet to win an MTV Video Music Award, and her nominations this year are particularly tantalizing after her much-decried appearance in 2007, when she lip-synched her way through a dance number in an ill-fitting black bikini.

Coming off two marriages, two children and two stints

in rehab, Spears sought to launch a career comeback on last year's show with a performance of the song Gimme More that proved a publicity bomb for her but a ratings boon for MTV.

But with Spears said to be cleaning up her act and back in the recording studio this summer, working on a new album, MTV has made the most of the suspense surrounding her possible return to the VMAs, refusing until Wednesday to say whether she might appear as a presenter or performer.

The MTV VMAs, long considered a hipper version of the Grammys, will be broadcast live on MTV on Sunday, hosted by British comedian Russell Brand.

In the Video of the Year category, Spears is competing against the Jonas Brothers' Burnin' Up, Chris Brown's Forever, The Pussycat Dolls' When I Grow Up and Shut Up and Let Me Go by the Ting Tings. **REUTERS**



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LEFT: Britney Spears, is set to open Sunday's 25th annual MTV VMAs, despite last year's bomb performance.



## Oprah throws party for Olympians

### Welcome home soiree also pep rally for 2016 games

**Talk show host Oprah Winfrey threw a rousing welcome home party for more than 150 U.S. Olympic medal winners Wednesday that was a salute to the athletes and a pep rally for efforts to bring the 2016 summer games to America.**

Winfrey, whose program is seen in 140 countries and boasts a weekly U.S. audience of 46 million, filled an open-air concert venue on Chicago's Lake Michigan waterfront with more than 4,000 people who jumped, shouted and cheered in swirling red, white and blue confetti as the medalists walked through the aisles and took the stage.

"Team USA, you want to make us all stand taller," she told the athletes at the end of the program, adding that she hoped

they would have a chance to return to Chicago for the 2016 games, for which the city is bidding against Madrid, Rio de Janeiro and Tokyo.

Swimmer Michael Phelps, who came back from last month's games in Beijing with a record eight gold medals, told Winfrey his feat had not sunk in but "I need to get back home" to Maryland to see friends and his pet bulldog.

"One of the biggest things I want to do is grow the sport of swimming," he added, noting that he has established a charitable foundation to promote the sport using the \$1 million

bonus he earned from the makers of Speedo swimwear.

Wednesday's show, which will air in syndication on Monday, marked the start of Winfrey's 23rd season.

Another swimming star, silver medalist Dara Torres, told Winfrey she was not done with competitive swimming at age 41.

"I kind of want to keep going for a bit," she said, unlike past Olympic competitions after which, she said, she didn't want to go near the water again. "When you're in the water the water doesn't know your age."

**REUTERS**

### 2016 venue

- The venue for the 2016 games will be announced in October next year. Phelps was scheduled to meet with Chicago community leaders later in the day to help provide support for the city's bid.

**REUTERS**



Oprah welcomed home more than 150 U.S. Olympic medalists on her Wednesday show.

## Kyle MacLachlan's family struggle

**PREGNANCY** Desperate Housewives star Kyle MacLachlan and his wife Desiree Gruber struggled to start a family — but refused to give up on their dream of having a child, imdb.com reports.

The 49-year-old star and Gruber, 41, welcomed baby Callum in July.

But the path to having a baby was fraught with complications after Gruber was diagnosed with thrombophilia, a condition which causes blood clots. And after a long struggle, the couple was overjoyed to finally conceive.

"Desiree had a couple of miscarriages so she was under a few specialists," MacLachlan says. "She had thrombophilia and had to give herself an injection of blood thinner every day. The journey to get her pregnant became an adventure."

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### In brief

**REHAB** MacKenzie Phillips has entered rehab, People.com reports her attorney, Blair Berk, as having confirmed. Phillips is seeking treatment following her arrest on Aug. 27 for alleged drug possession at Los Angeles International Airport. Airport police allege she was found "carrying what appeared to be heroin and cocaine in baggies and balloons." The former One Day at a Time star has since been charged with two felonies and a misdemeanor.

**LAW SUIT** Rob Lowe's former nanny is appealing to a judge to reinstate several allegations in her sexual harassment lawsuit against the actor, despite previously claiming victory in the court ruling, imdb.com reports. The Brothers + Sisters star sued Jessica Gibson in April, claiming she tried to extort money out of him.

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## Foster joins Simpsons cast

Actress Jodie Foster, right, is to voice an adult version of Maggie on an episode of the animated hit show *The Simpsons*, slated to air in early 2009, reports [ew.com](#). **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

# Sink your teeth into True Blood

Intelle**Vision**



**THEY DON'T DRINK ... WINE:** HBO needs a hit, and it looks like they've got a lot riding on *True Blood*, which debuts this Sunday on the cable network in the states, and here in Canada on TMN. The series has been in production for a year, with a pilot and two episodes filmed before last winter's writers' strike, and an early version of the pilot was leaked onto file-sharing networks months ago.

Created by Alan Ball, the

man behind *Six Feet Under*, and based on a series of novels by Charlaine Harris, it's the story of a small Louisiana town just after the revelation that vampires actually exist, and that they've decided to go public thanks to the invention of synthetic blood, which will theoretically make preying on humans unnecessary. It stars Anna Paquin — the latest movie star to shift her career to the small screen — as Sookie, a roadhouse waitress with some uncomfortable telepathic powers who falls in love with Bill (Stephen Moyer), a vampire who's decided to make the town his home.

Ball lets us know early on that the show is meant for an adult audience; the first scene features a hand-job

in a moving car, and within a few minutes we're treated to nudity that promises to be copious in future episodes, especially since almost everyone we meet acts with the obsessive sexual abandon of teenagers from the popular clique on summer break between high school and college.

"When someone at HBO first asked me what this was about I said it's about the terrors of intimacy," Ball said recently in an interview with the io9.com website, "and at the time I thought, 'Who knows what

that means but it sounds good.' But over time I've really started to believe that this is the deeper meaning of the show."

On HBO's own website, Ball recalls that, during the pitch, he called the show "popcorn TV for smart people," and he's described the show as "really pulpy. It's total pulp." *True Blood* is a great example of what I call deep trash — the sort of subject matter that was once the province of B-films or worse, but which has been treated to big budgets and major stars in



**Sam Trammell and Anna Paquin star in the HBO vampire series *True Blood*, which debuts in Canada this Sunday on TMN.**

the last decade or so, and produced by writers like Ball who grew up with the avid subculture that once celebrated trash as a liberation from the humourless-

ness of taste and high culture.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

## Metro's 7<sup>th</sup> Heaven: What's hot right now

**1 Shenae Grimes**  
Canadian actress

**I** Shenae Grimes has taken another leap in her career, from *Degrassi: The Next Generation*, to a starring role on *90210*. The spinoff of *Beverly Hills, 90210* debuted Tuesday, where Grimes plays Annie Wilson.



## 2 The Last Lecture, by Randy Pausch

Lecturer Randy Pausch, who recently died of pancreatic cancer, puts his lessons on life into a book for those who would rather read the words than now hear him deliver them on YouTube. He wrote the book for his young kids, but perhaps readers can benefit from his teachings, too.

**Heroes:**  
**Season 2**

The recently released four-disc DVD box set of this hit show's second season features featurettes, a peek at Season 3, audio comments with cast and crew, and more. The set has been a top seller on Amazon.ca.



## 4 The Script

**+** Already garnering major air play in its native Ireland, Dublin band The Script is sure to making some noise this side of the Atlantic soon. The trio's singles We Cry and The Man Who Can't Be Moved is available on iTunes.

## 5 Slouchy beanie hats

**5** Slouchy beanie hat  
are forecast to top —  
and turn — heads into winter,  
femalefirst.co.uk reports. Why  
not? They're the perfect  
toppers for bad-hair days and  
look mighty cute, too.

## 6 America's Next Top Model

**6** First full-figured Whitney Thompson wins the reality TV competition, now a transgender contestant is battling to be on top on this season of the modelling competition. Cheers to show creator Tyra Banks for showing that beauty comes in all forms.

## 7 Bath and Body Works

U.S. chain store Bath and Body Works is finally bringing its sublime beauty and personal-care products to Canada via new stores soon opening in Toronto and Edmonton. The rest of the country need not sigh — online shopping is doable at [www.bathandbodyworks.com](http://www.bathandbodyworks.com).

## ... and what's not

## Pregnant pause

Yikes, what timing: John McCain's recently announced U.S. vice-presidential running mate, Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, has revealed her 17-year-old daughter Bristol is five months pregnant. The news from Sarah Palin, who takes an anti-abortion stance, has set critics' pens and tongues loose, but none of this means Palin can't make a good VP.

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		-	373 22	KAYU	'70s Show	The Simpsons	Two/Half Men		Two/Half Men	Cops (N)	Cops (N)	America's Most Wanted	
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	500 500 29	CNN	Larry King Live		Newsroom		Special Investigations		Larry King Live		Saturday Night		
	501 391 52	CTV	CTV Newsnet-Scott Laurie		News		CTV Newsnet	News	CTV Newsnet	News	CTV Newsnet	News	
sports	400 400 21	TSN	(5) NASCAR Racing Sprint Cup -- Chevy Rock & Roll 400.						SportsCentre		U.S. Open Tennis		
	408 418 27	net	(6) MLB Baseball Boston Red Sox at Texas Rangers. (Live)						Soccer 2010 World Cup Qualifier -- Canada vs. Honduras.		Sportsnet Con.		
family	552 543 20	YTV	Adrenaline Proj	Mystery Hnt.	Wolverine		Transformers	Naruto	Blue Dragon	Zatch Bell	Bleach	Storm Hawks	
	557 541 39	FAM	Naturally Sadie	Flight 29 Down	That's Raven		Zoe y 101	Life Derek	Han. Montana	Sleepless in Seattle (1993, Romance-Comedy)			
cable	variety	-	- 18	CHTV	E News	The Soup (N)	D. Richards	Living Lohan	Dr. 90210	Forbes Top 20 Young Royals		E! News	
		603 561 25	FOOD	Dinner Imposs.	Bobby Flay	Top Chef		Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares		Iron Chef America		Top Chef	
		615 520 26	A&E	(6) Flight 93 (2006)		The Sopranos (HDTV)		The Sopranos (HDTV)		Flight 93 ** (2006, Docudrama)			
		617 522 32	SHOW	(7:15) To Be Announced		About a Girl		Kink in Hair	Whispers and Lies (2008, Suspense)		Melissa Joan Hart.		Anchorman
		520 505 35	DISC	After the Catch		Criss Angel		Criss Angel	A Haunting		Dirty Jobs		Criss Angel
		628 584 43	SPIKE	UFC 88 Countdown		Disorderly Conduct: Video		TNA IMPACT!					Trucks!
		522 516 45	HIST	The Real Treasure Island		NCIS "Reveille"		Ancestors		Ancestors		Ocean's Twelve (2004, Comedy-Drama)	
		581 566 102	MTV	Canada's Next Top Model		Canada's Next Top Model		MTV Presents		Cribs	MTV Shuffle		MTV Live

# SUNDAY

CA	Vu	SC	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00		
primetime	9/7/08	243 317 3	CFCN	Canada's Walk of Fame (N)				Criminal Minds	Without a Trace (HDTV)		News (N)		
		- 371 5	KKLY	4 News at 6		Health Special		Funnist Home Videos		Extreme Makeover: Home		America United: In Support of Our Troops (N)	
		245 306 6	CBRT	Heartland (HDTV)		Test the Nation: Canada, Eh? (HDTV) (N)				CBC News: Sunday Night (N)		Doc Zone	
		244 338 7	CICT	renegadepress	King of the Hill	Family Guy	The Simpsons	Big Brother 10 (N)		Family Guy	Family Guy	News (N)	
		246 - 8	CKAL	Murdoch	Friends	Midnight Cowboy *** (1969, Drama) Dustin Hoffman, Jon Voight.				Role		TBA	
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		- 372 12	KREM	News (N)	Upfront	60 Minutes		Big Brother 10 (N)		Cold Case (HDTV)		Without Trace	
		- 374 14	KSPS	Symphony	When Life Was	Andre Rieu: Live in Vienna				Christiane Northrup: Menopause and Beyond			
		- 370 16	KHQ	(6:15) NFL Football Chicago Bears at Indianapolis Colts. (HDTV) (Live)					Best Sports		Law & Order: SVU		CSI: Miami
		- 373 22	KAYU	American Idol Rewind		King of the Hill		King of the Hill	Hole in Wall	The Simpsons	Family Guy	Family Guy	News (N)
news	502 390 15	CBC	CBC News: Sunday Night (N)			The Secret History of 9/11			CBC News: Sunday Night		History 911		
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	501 391 52	CTV	CTV Newsnet-Scott Laurie			News	CTV Newsnet	News	CTV Newsnet	News	CTV Newsnet	News	
family sports	400 400 21	TSN	(6:15) NFL Football Chicago Bears at Indianapolis Colts. (HDTV) (Live)					SportsCentre		U.S. Open Tennis		Men's Final.	
	408 418 27	net	(6) MLB Baseball Philadelphia Phillies at New York Mets.					Sportsnet Connected		Sportsnet Connected		Ult. Fighter	
cable variety	552 543 20	YTV	Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over ** (2003, Adventure)					Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	The Next Star		Falcon Beach	
	557 541 39	FAM	Naturally Sadie	Flight 29 Down	That's Raven	Zoey 101	Life Derek	Han. Montana	Holes *** (2003, Adventure)			FANatical	
	- - 18	CHTV	Instant Beauty Pageant			Janie 24		Extreme Makeover: Home		Celebrity Rehab		FANatical	
	603 561 25	FOOD	Iron Chef America			Final at Home	Nigella	Road Grill	Licence to Grill	Iron Chef America		Jamie at Home	
	615 520 26	A&E	CSI: Miami (HDTV)			CSI: Miami "Inside Out"			The Cleaner (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami
	617 522 32	SHOW	Wife Swap Mindful wife.			The Guard "Waheguru"			Lies and Crimes (2007, Suspense)		Estella Warren.		Weeds
	520 505 35	DISC	Attack on the Pentagon (N)					MegaWorld: Switzerland			Attack on the Pentagon		
	628 584 43	SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.			CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.			CSI: NY (HDTV)		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: Crime Scn
	522 516 45	HIST	(6) Dogfights			NCIS "See No Evil"			Crusaders' Lost Fort		Kingdom of Heaven *** (2005)		
	581 566 102	MTV	4REAL	4REAL	4REAL	4REAL	Made "Hockey Player"		Canada's Next Top Model			MTV Presents	





Desperate Housewives star Eva Longoria Parker has once again been forced to deny she is pregnant, attributing her "bump" to five pounds she gained over the summer. **IMDB.COM**

## Celebrity Buzz

# Anne spent thousands on ex-boyfriend

**RELATIONSHIPS** Anne Hathaway broke off her relationship with businessman Raffaello Follieri just hours before his arrest on charges of wire fraud and money laundering, according to a report in the October issue of Vanity Fair.

"You were the love of my life," the actress told Follieri by phone on June 23, according to a friend who heard the conversation, Vanity Fair reports. "I'll always love you. You know that, baby." Later that day, Follieri was arrested and accused by federal prosecutors of defrauding investors of millions of dollars through claims he had connections with the Vatican. The article also reports that Hathaway, 25, paid the 30-year-old Follieri's

\$37,000 US monthly rent for his duplex in Manhattan's posh Olympic Towers for four months, People.com reports.

Hathaway's father, Jerry, had a private investigator check out Follieri three years ago, the story claims.

Follieri is now awaiting trial at the Metropolitan Correctional Center in New York City, unable to pay his \$21-million bail.

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# Jessica puts acting on hold

**PEOPLE** Jessica Simpson has no plans to return to acting anytime soon, female-first.co.uk reports.

The singer, who starred as Daisy Duke in the movie The Dukes of Hazzard and has since appeared in films including Blonde Ambition and Employee of the Month, admits she has lost her appetite for the industry following the lack of interest in her latest movie ventures.

"I'm not closing that chapter of my life by any means," she said. "But I am all about the music right now. When it comes to act-

ing, it's got to feel right for me at this point in my life. It's got to just be a really incredible director and production with an awesome studio and great cast. But for me right now, Jessica Simpson is music."

Simpson, who will soon release her debut country album Do You Know, also revealed she began to lose confidence in her vocal talents following her shambolic performance of Dolly Parton's 9 To 5.

"You know, what happened at Kennedy Center, I really thought I was done singing," she said. "I was just at a place where I'd lost a lot of confidence and I didn't even know who I was."

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# Sienna may move out of Britain

**PEOPLE** Actress Sienna Miller has decided to move away from Britain, following a barrage of negative press over her relationship with actor Balthazar Getty, imdb.com reports.

Miller hit the headlines after pictures emerged of her frolicking with the father-of-four, who recently left his wife, on a yacht off Italy's Amalfi coast in July.

She has since faced setbacks, including an attack on her London home in which the word "slut" was sprayed onto brickwork.

And now her step-moth-

er, Kelly Hoppen, insists the star plans to move abroad to escape the media spotlight.

"It's disgusting that she cannot live in her own country," Hoppen says. "Why is it that if a man leaves his wife the new woman gets all the s-t? That doesn't happen the other way round."

But Hoppen insists Miller is not letting the negative stories upset her.

"We try not to read the papers anymore," she says. "She's actually doing fine. In fact she is great. But we've only read one positive article about her ever."

Miller was recently rumoured to be viewing properties in California with Getty, prompting speculation that she will now set up home in Los Angeles.

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## celebrity brief

### My fashion business is doing just fine: Victoria

**FASHION** Former Spice Girls star Victoria Beckham has denied her recent fashion ventures have been a disappointment, insisting her Dvb brand is "going from strength to strength," imdb.com reports.

Beckham has been at the centre of rumours that her label was in crisis after she announced her new range of dresses would not be

shown on the catwalk at the upcoming New York Fashion Week, but in small private viewings.

The singer's Dvb denim range also came under fire earlier this year after Los Angeles boutique Kitson dropped the brand, citing poor sales and a lack of promotional activity

from the star.

But Beckham is adamant her fashion business is doing well.

"Career-wise, the opportunities and success I've had this year are outstanding," she says. "My brand's going from strength to strength."

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## celebrity brief

### Daniel refuses to kiss and tell

**SEX** Harry Potter star Daniel Radcliffe is refusing to name the woman he lost his virginity to at 16, because she was much older than him, imdb.com reports.

The actor, now 19, makes the big reveal about his first time in a new Details magazine interview — but he's not revealing who the woman was.

Radcliffe insists the age difference "wasn't ridiculous," but "it would freak some people out."

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## celebrity brief

### David's a daddy — DNA says so

**PEOPLE** A baby girl born last week to former Playboy Playmate Jillian Grace is funnymen David Spade's biological daughter, his publicist has confirmed.

"David and Jillian have been in close contact throughout her pregnancy and he plans to go see the baby during his first break from shooting Rules of Engagement," publicist Meredith O'Sullivan told People.

Spade had admitted to a fling with Grace, and had told E! News, "If it is true that I am the father of her child, then I will accept responsibility."

The baby was born Aug. 26 in Missouri.

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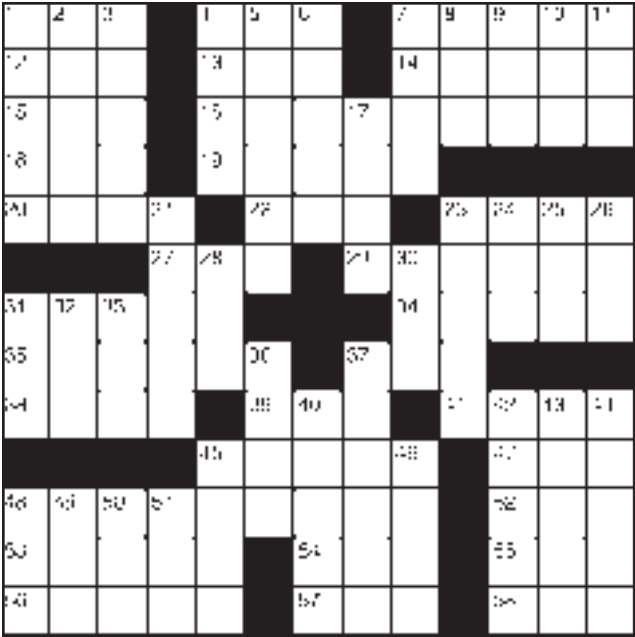
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**Peanuts animator dies**  
Bill Melendez, the animator who voiced Snoopy's howls and sighs and was responsible for bringing A Charlie Brown Christmas and dozens of other Peanuts specials to the small screen, died Tuesday in Santa Monica, Calif., according to his publicist. He was 91, reports E! News Online. **METRO NEWS SERVICE**

Take Five



Crossword down

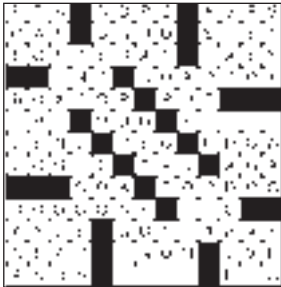
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2 Boredom  
3 Fades away  
4 Colo. Spgs. grp.  
5 Approach the curb  
6 Slander  
7 Wonka creator  
8 Carte lead-in  
9 Actor Kilmer  
10 Lemieux milieu  
11 The air up there  
17 Sign: ped —  
21 1-to-10, often  
23 Type of prize  
24 Mess up  
25 Early bird?  
26 Retainer  
28 Is multiplied?
- 30 Id counterpart  
31 Recede  
32 Rotation duration  
33 “Skedaddle!”  
36 Boo Boo’s mentor  
37 Record jacket  
40 Less healthy  
42 Phantom’s bailiwick  
43 Islamic Bible  
44 Square-dance group  
45 Inauguration recitation  
46 Turned blue?  
48 Dark brown-gray  
49 Blood-typing letters  
50 Neither mate  
51 Not “dis”

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Crossword across

- 1 Church seat  
7 “Jezebel” Oscar winner  
12 Genetics abbr.  
13 Total  
14 “Oh, woe!”  
15 Tourists’ haven  
16 “Roots” author  
18 Seek restitution  
19 Swing around madly  
20 — Congeniality”  
22 Coffee-shop vessel
- 23 Complaint  
27 Upper limit  
29 First name of 35-Across  
31 Mystery writer’s award  
34 Be a glutton  
35 “It’s a Wonderful Life” hero  
37 Weep loudly  
38 IT measure  
39 Lubricate  
41 Symbol of servitude  
45 Looked lecherously
- 47 Luau bowlful  
48 “When My Baby Smiles at Me” star  
52 Work unit  
53 WWII sub  
54 Leading lady?  
55 “Go, team!”  
56 Top of the world?  
57 Roulette bet  
58 Pismire

previous day's answer



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**WORDY GURDY**

1. Wordy challenge for thought  
2. Peter Pan's first love  
3. Confessionally 11-year-old  
4. Curious, relevant  
5. Skunk's eyeshades on bag  
6. Full name of winged inflation  
7. Doodling the sound of rain

This day in history

SEPT. 5, 1590: Alexander Farnese's army forces Henry IV of France to raise the siege of Paris.  
SEPT. 5, 1698: In an effort to move his people away from archaic customs, Tsar Peter I of Russia imposes a tax on beards.  
SEPT. 5, 1800: Malta is conquered by Great Britain.  
SEPT. 5, 1882: The first United States Labor Day parade is held in New York City.  
SEPT. 5, 1948: Robert Schuman becomes president of the Council while being foreign minister. As such, he is the negotiator of the major treaties of the end of World War II.  
SEPT. 5, 1972: Munich Massacre: A Palestinian terrorist group called "Black September" attacked Israeli athletes at the Munich Olympic Games.

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HOW TO PLAY SUDOKU:

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

SUDOKU SOLVE TIME  
IN MINUTES:

previous day's answer

4	7	6	8	3	9	5	2	1
3	2	9	1	4	5	7	6	8
5	8	1	7	2	6	9	4	3
8	5	2	3	1	4	6	7	9
1	6	4	9	8	7	3	5	2
7	9	3	5	6	2	8	1	4
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2	3	8	6	5	1	4	9	7
9	1	5	4	7	8	2	3	6

Under 13..... Genius  
13-17 ..... Scholar

Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

- ARIES**  
**MARCH 21-APRIL 20**  
You'll scold a lover who has a change of heart. A hasty conclusion will cause discomfort. Don't blame anyone for your own mistakes.
- TAURUS**  
**APRIL 21-MAY 21**  
An incompetent power player will give up. Promises will go down the drain due to sad obligations. Pay attention to built up tension.
- GEMINI**  
**MAY 22-JUNE 21**  
You'll guarantee the survival of the fittest. You need to use tact with an opponent. Say farewell to those who stay behind in misery.
- CANCER**  
**JUNE 22-JULY 22**  
The discussion of impulsive deeds will benefit you. An accurate statement will make trouble. A spendthrift who is in denial won't pay attention.
- LEO**  
**JULY 23-AUG 23**  
An overexcited male will be suspiciously successful. Someone will miss the point of a discussion. Profound emotions will rise to the surface.
- VIRGO**  
**AUG 24-SEPT 22**  
The desire arises to abandon a momentous decision. A social event will have an unexpected bonus. A misunderstanding will lead to adventures.
- LIBRA**  
**SEPT 23-OCT 23**  
A reality check will alienate others. A charming friend wants to hear further revelations. Don't be misled by stolen moments of bliss.
- SCORPIO**  
**OCT 24- NOV 22**  
A delayed visit will create strain between friends. Distress can be reduced by following your dreams. Logic will be used to upset a gullible person.
- SAGITTARIUS**  
**NOV 23- DEC 21**  
Something in your voice ties others up in knots. A newcomer leads to romantic interest. Step lightly over the reasons for misery.
- CAPRICORN**  
**DEC 22-JAN 20**  
Someone despairs about a pivotal scheme. A new rule creates an excellent state of affairs. A female convinces an ally to remain firm.
- AQUARIUS**  
**JAN 21-FEB 18**  
A romantic man will open your eyes. Bickering will be an outlet for frozen feelings. A joyful friend lives up to your ideals.
- PISCES**  
**FEB 19-MAR 20**  
Your anxiety will be relieved by powerful people. Strengthen your bonds by being sincere. Someone is afraid of your reaction.

Sudoku

5	9			4		3		2
			7					5
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		2	5		9			
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			2		8	6		
	7		6					3
9						5		
3		1		9			2	4

17-21..... Smart  
21-25 ..... Not bad  
25+ ..... Keep practising  
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Sunday  
  
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15° / 2°

Monday  
  
Variable.  
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